

Cremation in the Catholic Church: Many people are inquiring about cremation in the Church, and some people are choosing to have their body cremated after death. The first thing all must know is that cremation is permitted in the Catholic Church. Some large cities are finding difficulty in obtaining large pieces of ground for new cemeteries and cremation may be a partial solution to this problem. Also, some people die far from home, and the cost of sending home the body in a casket is very expensive compared to sending an urn with a loved ones ashes. Cremation should take place after the funeral Mass. The ashes of the deceased person should be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead. As in life, the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, so in death the ashes of the deceased person should not be scattered but should be buried in a holy place where we await the resurrection to new life.

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STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

FUNERAL: \$200.00
 Wedding: \$200.00
 Baptism: \$25.00

February 21 - Memorial of Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor: Peter was born in 1007 in Ravenna, Italy. He became a hermit monk and was eventually chosen as the superior of his community. In 1057 he was appointed the Bishop of Ostia. Throughout his life he fought for clerical reform. Later he received permission from Pope Alexander to return to the simple life of a monk. Known for his work for reform and renewal, Peter died in 1072 and is a Doctor of the Church.

FEBRUARY 22 - FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, APOSTLE: On this day, early Roman Christians celebrated a feast in honour of their departed loved ones, including their founding Apostles, Peter and Paul. In the fourth century, when the feast of these two saints was moved to June 29, the emphasis of this day shifted to celebrating Peter and his successors as Bishops of Rome, and expressing gratitude for their service. The feast brings to mind “the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ’s flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity” (*Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, February 19, 2012*), continuing in an unbroken line down to our present Holy Father, Pope Francis.

February 23 - Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr: Polycarp is one of the Fathers of the early Church. A disciple of the apostle John, he was a leader of the second generation of Christians, those who themselves were not eyewitnesses to the death and resurrection of Our Lord. Polycarp was very influential in the catechesis and initiation of new Christians, and was named Bishop of Smyrna. He was martyred for his faith about the year 155, at the age of 86.



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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

In today’s Gospel, following his Baptism, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness where he is tempted by the devil. The story of Jesus’ temptations affirms his full humanity and once again demonstrates that the power of God is triumphant over the power of evil. After his Baptism, but before he begins his public ministry, Jesus is tempted just as we are, but in the end, Jesus prevails. The challenge for us, when tempted to sin, is to respond as Jesus did, not succumbing to temptations, but depending upon God’s grace to support and sustain us. It is the living story of our faith, our baptismal commitment, which we reaffirm in this Lenten season.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: Feb. 19th – Feb. 23rd

Mon. -----10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Aloysius & Henrietta Walsh
 Tues.----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Stanley Organ
 Wed. ----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel ----- Theresa Farrell
 Thurs ----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel ----- Julo & Anne Dollimont, Michael Organ (St. Joseph’s)
 Friday ----- 10:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----- Rosaleen Howse, Elizabeth Cox
 Friday ----- 7:00 p.m. ----- St. Ignatius Church----- **Stations of the Cross**

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, February 24th and Sunday, February 25th

St. Alban’s----- Sat. --- 7:00 p.m.----- St. Ignatius Church----- Thomas Collier (Edith)
 St. Alban’s----- Sun.--- 10:30 a.m.----- St. Ignatius Church----- **Parish Family**
 Conne River---- Sun. --- 2:00 p.m.----- St. Anne’s Church----- Erica Ann Stride

Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace: In light of the many ongoing conflicts throughout the world, particularly those in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan, Pope Francis has announced a special **Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace to be held on February 23, 2018, the Friday of the first full week of Lent.** The Holy Father’s announcement came following the Angelus, prayed in St. Peter’s Square on Sunday, February 4, 2018. In the past year alone, more than 3,300 people have been killed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo’s Kasai region, and violence in recent weeks has increased to the extent that last week alone some 7,000 people have fled this area, seeking refuge elsewhere. South Sudan has been in the middle of a brutal civil war for the past three and a half years and, since the beginning of the war, some 4 million citizens have left the violence-stricken country in hopes of finding peace, food and work. At the end of his Lenten Message 2018, Bishop Daniels says, “*Together with our Holy Father and with Catholics and people of faith throughout the world our prayers and our fasting will make a difference*”. **On Friday, February 23, please pray and fast for peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan and indeed in all war-torn areas of the world**

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristans	Readers	Collectors	Communion Minister	Altar Servers	Music
February 17	Mary Strickland Patsy McDonald	Elizabeth Barlow Thomas Collier	Francis MacNeil Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott	Edith Organ	Christine Mary Organ	Kennedy Willcott Tracy Perry
February 18	Mary Organ	Lydia Walsh	Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont Mary Organ	Genevieve Tremblett	Jean Gould Mary Strickland	Tiffany Hoskins
February 24	Mary Organ	Edith Organ	Francis MacNeil Ed Hoskins Clayton Willcott	Elizabeth Murphy	Jenny Mary Willcott	Jullie Ann Chrissy
February 25	Jenny Maggie	Valerie Hoskins	Helena Thornhill Necia Dollimont Mary Organ	Mary Organ	Anthony Kevin	Jessica Willcott

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church – Offertory ----- \$764.40 Initial Offering: ----- \$5.00
 Chase The Ace Proceeds: ----- \$142.50 Diocesan: Ecc. Student:----- \$25.00
Dues: Cecil and Bridget Kelly

Chase The Ace: Will be held at the RC Legion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. Fundraiser open to all persons 19 years and older. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Stations of the The Cross: The Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius Church. Everyone welcome!!!

Pope Francis and Bishop Anthony Daniels



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

What They say about our church: The most beautiful treasure of the South Coast of Newfoundland is our Church here in St. Alban's. It is breathtaking. It is a joy to bring visitors to our Church, as they are overwhelmed at the workmanship and its gracious dignity. Sometimes a stranger helps us to appreciate something we overlook or take for granted. Here are a few comments from our visitor's book which is at the back of the Church:

“A beautiful Masterpiece” “Awesome, His Holy Presence is Here” “The most beautiful Church.” “Absolutely amazing Work.” “Glad to be home, I love my church.”

Isn't it a wonder that all this work was done with hand tools only, as there were no power saws or electricity when this church was built. Each morning when I go to open the Church, the same thought comes to me: *‘Oh, Lord, I love the beauty of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.’*

Message from Bishop Daniels

Just before Christmas, the Government of Canada changed its requirements regarding applications for federal funding under its Canada Summer Jobs program. What must now be included is that “both the job and the organization’s core mandate respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as other rights. These include reproductive rights which the government specifies includes “the right to access safe and legal abortions”

As a consequence we cannot apply for federal funding for summer employment for students which is our right as Canadians. We are asking every person of faith within the diocese to contact their Federal Member of Parliament to express concern about depriving Roman Catholics of our right as Canadians unless we betray our religious values.

When we find fault: There is a famous billboard on a very crowded highway which reads: “You aren't stuck in traffic, you are traffic!!” How easily we distance ourselves from problems, in our politics, in our churches, in our world. We feel we are stuck in a political or religious situation where we find it difficult to talk to the other person. But we may have become too rigid, too self-righteous, too stuck in our own ways to even try to understand the point of view of another person. We see things like injustice, bigotry, racism, greed, violence, murder and war, but we may be part of the problem ourselves. Like the man said **“Nobody is shot by a gun that wasn't shot before with a word.”**

O dear St. Joseph all our confidence is in you, let it not be said that we have invoked you in vain, and since you are so powerful with Jesus and Mary show that your goodness equals your power, amen.

Divine providence can provide, Divine providence did provide, Divine providence will provide.
Amen.

Children's Sunday Liturgy: The children's liturgy takes place each Sunday morning, during Mass. Appropriate ages are 4+ years.

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A Prayer to our Blessed Mother
Take my Hand, O Blessed Mother

Grace before meals: *“Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Reading the Word at Funeral Masses: At every Mass, the Word of God should be read with the greatest clarity and reverence and dignity. At every Mass, the Word of God should be proclaimed well. At Funeral Masses, the family and the people attending are most attentive to the Word to find comfort and peace at a very difficult time in their lives. I will speak to both funeral directors in our parish, and a list of readers will be provided so that the family of the deceased can choose readers who have had experience and training in reading of the Word of God. This way, the family do not have to choose family members to read the Word of God.

TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT GOD'S CREATION: Here are some ideas based on those Pope Francis mentions in Laudato Si'(no.211):

1. Use fewer paper and plastic product- ex: use re-usable water bottle,etc.
2. Reduce water consumption- ex: take shorter showers, wash dishes by hand, etc.
3. Don't cook more that you will eat
4. Compost (instead of disposing) food waste
5. Recycle
6. Reuse instead of throwing away.
7. Instead of driving, walk, or ride a bike
8. Conserve electricity- ex: turn off lights and buy energy-efficient appliances

LENTEN MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three pillars of Lent.

Prayer is our way to union with God. In prayer, we become consciously aware of being in the presence of God. We contemplate God's love for us and we try to find words of thanksgiving for this gift. We reflect on the ways God has been with us in our daily lives and we praise God. We petition God to care for those in need and we trust God's goodness and wisdom. We exalt the greatness of God and we acknowledge our dependence on God in all things and we adore God. In all these forms of prayer – thanksgiving, praise, petition and adoration – we hope that our time with God will give us the grace to know God better and to reflect God's image more closely.

Fasting is our way to humble ourselves before God. By fasting we choose to deny ourselves of food or other pleasures, not to make life difficult for ourselves, but rather, to experience 'hunger' or a sense of 'longing' which we know God will satisfy. By fasting we remind ourselves that we are not self-sufficient but depend on God for every breath we take and every moment we live. Fasting is also our way to remember that our lives have meaning beyond the physical and that we are spiritual beings who need to nourish our souls as well as our bodies.

Almsgiving is our way to express love. Giving to those in need, not just from our abundance or what we have left over, but in a sacrificial way, is a great expression of love. By giving to others we show that we understand how much God has given us and we feel compelled to treat others as God has treated us. Almsgiving gives us the opportunity to follow the example of Jesus who came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for each of us (cf. Matt. 20, 28).

At the conclusion of his Angelus address on Sunday, February 4, 2018, the Holy Father invited all the Church to observe the Friday of the First Week of Lent, February 23, as a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in the many areas of conflict throughout the world, particularly the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. Pope Francis said: "Facing the tragic continuation of conflicts in different parts of the world, I invite all the faithful to a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace on February 23, the Friday of the First Week of Lent". Our Holy Father had planned to visit the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan last year, but his trip was cancelled because of the ongoing violence. (The following link provides more information: <http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2018/pope-supports-prolife-movement-sets-day-of-prayer-for-peace-in-africa.cfm>.)

Pope Francis is asking each of us to place our confidence in two of the three pillars of Lent and call on the grace of God to bring peace to our world. When I spoke to our Holy Father on March 16, 2017, I assured him of the affection of the people of the Diocese of Grand Falls and pledged our support for him and his initiatives. I therefore ask each of you to join Pope Francis in this Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace. Together with our Holy Father and with Catholics and people of faith throughout the world our prayers and our fasting will make a difference.

As we begin our Lenten pilgrimage toward the celebration of the Lord's Death and Resurrection, may you know the closeness of Jesus through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

In Christ,

Most Reverend



BISHOP ANTHONY DANIELS